Sheigra DXpedition Report

29th October to 12th November 2016 - with Dave Kenny & Alan Pennington

This was the 56th DXpedition to Sheigra in Sutherland, and the first during November since back in 2004. We last made the long drive up to the north-west tip of the Scottish mainland in March 2015. Prior to that, there had been six DXpeditions in the Autumn, but all earlier, in October. So we would benefit from some longer hours of darkness this time. This was Dave's 21st DXpedition to this tiny crofting settlement, and Alan's 13th, so we knew what to expect there by now! Whatever the conditions threw up, both weather-wise and propagation-wise, the wild landscape and peace and solitude in Sheigra always make the long journey worthwhile!

For the third time, our DX base would be Murdo's traditional crofting cottage, whose location makes it ideal to put up Beverage aerials targeting the Americas and the Far East – see list of aerials below. We arrived early afternoon on Saturday 29th October, after an overnight stop in Perth, and took advantage of the calm, cloudy but dry weather to put up two aerials before dark: the 260 degree Beverage which runs to the west, ending very close to the rocky coast, and the 160/340 degree wire, running slightly west of north, up the hill behind the cottage. The 260 degree wire we would terminate the next day with a copper earthing rod; the 160/340 degree aerial would be our UK/Africa aerial when unterminated, or our 340 degree Alaskan aerial when terminated. That evening, the 260 degree aerial bought in nice local IDs from strong Harbour Light, Grenada on 1400 kHz amongst others, plus good LA shortwave reception e.g. from Peruvians Radio Quillabamba (5024.9) and Radio Tarma (4774.9), much better than we could have heard them at home! That night, clocks changed to winter time (UTC), though we were already thinking in UTC time as per norm on DXpeditions, so only the heating timer in the cottage needed adjusting!,



Above: Alan at the termination of the 260 degree Caribbean Beverage, with a fairly calm sea (for Sheigra!)

The next morning, after signals (mainly South and Central American) faded by 0930, we headed out on another calm, cloudy and mild day to put up the final two aerials. Firstly the 300 degree (North American) Beverage which ran up the steep hill behind the cottage to the north west. The middle section of this wire has been prone to deer damage in previous years, so is now supported on extra high canes. Its final section is the highest and most exposed length of our aerials, ending just short

of high cliff-tops, parts of which have collapsed into the sea over the years we have been visiting. The final Beverage was put up in time for possible afternoon Asian MW reception – a 50 degree wire that runs on fairly level ground, parallel to the rough old peat track that heads towards the north coast, but eventually vanishes where the peat fuel was last dug.

Weather throughout our two weeks was fairly benign – none of the Atlantic gales or storms we normally expect there. After a mild start, the weather turned cold and showery in the first week, but with some sunshine as well producing lots of rainbows! Some of the showers were of hail, and the mountain tops visible to the south (Arkle, Foinaven and Ben Stack in particular) had white caps of snow by the end of our first week. The weather remained cold until we left, although thankfully the bitter north easterly had eased by the time we came to take the aerials down!

So, no storm damage to our aerials, and no serious damage by animals to report either. Two breaks in the Caribbean wire one night in the first weekend (by deer or sheep) and strangely, four breaks in the 340/160 degree wire on the first Tuesday – strange as this aerial runs along the top of a fence, so we suspected deer used to leaping the fence caught it, so we lowered it further, after which there was no more damage. Only two deer were seen in daylight, behind the cottage one morning, though Dave disturbed four more when heading up to unterminate the Alaskan aerial one evening - just four pairs of red eyes by the light of his headtorch were visible before they ran off. A seal in Sheigra Bay and family of three corncrakes (birds) disturbed up the peat track added to our wildlife log! Plus plenty of sheep grazing on the machair and hillsides towards the Bay as usual!

Poor propagation with auroral conditions in the days before our DXpedition meant our hopes were not high when we arrived at Sheigra. However conditions proved to be more settled during our fortnight – we have experienced much poorer conditions on past Sheigra DXpeditions. (A downside of the lack of auroral conditions was we didn't see any Northern Lights though!) Towards the Americas, mainly south and central Americans dominated the log at the beginning of our fortnight – nice to hear some rarely heard Colombians, rather than the usual Cubans at the end of the first week. North American reception improved later in the first week and during the second week, albeit these were mainly East Coast US and Canadian stations, even when morning fade outs became later. On the Tuesday of our second week though, Alaska was heard for the first time – KBRW Barrow 680 relaying BBC World Service around 1400. A CME storm had been forecast, but there was no sign of this yet.

A political storm was brewing however – we awoke Wednesday 9th to the news that Donald Trump had won the US presidential election – I heard victory speeches around 0800 on some US News Talk stations. Later that morning, KBRW was again audible, this time with local IDs. Also KFQD Anchorage on 750 plus three other probable Alaskans. The penultimate morning of DXing (Thursday) we were rewarded with some brief British Columbian and Washington State reception around 1000, plus KBRW again. Our final morning DXing (Friday), no west coast NA reception, but some surprise catches from Colorado and Wisconsin were added to the log.



Our sole aerial towards Asia, bought in a lot of Indians during the afternoons, especially on 31st October. A few Chinese were heard, but no Japanese stations on this DXpedition. It was nice to be able to finally confirm Cambodia on 918 kHz in parallel with its webstream, as well as Myanmar, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The closure of some European stations has improved DX possibilities on some channels – for example 1269 kHz produced three "firsts" for Sheigra now that Deutschlandfunk has closed.

Overall a fair selection of MW logs below which probably exceeded our original expectations.
A selection of shortwave logs heard at Sheigra are listed at end of this report also.

Receivers Alan Pennington AOR AR 7030 Plus and Palstar pre-amp
Dave Kenny AOR AR 7030 Plus and tuneable pre-amp

Aerials (long-wire Beverages use 7-strand 0.2mm wire supported on 4-5ft bamboo canes)

No 1 - 260 degrees 500m Beverage - terminated Caribbean, Central & South America
No 2 - 300 degrees 500m Beverage - terminated North America
No 3 - 340/160 deg 300m Beverage - unterminated/terminated Alaska or UK & Africa +SW reception
No 4 - 50 degrees 500m Beverage - terminated Far East & SE Asia

Logs believed to be "Sheigra Firsts" are highlighted in bold (** indicates possible "UK first").

MEDIUM WAVE LOGS

AFRICA

783	0014	10/11	R Mauritania, Nouakchott	Strumming mx, AA talks, mentions Mauritania
845	**1735**	**31/10**	**VOBME, Asmara, Eritrea**	Horn of Africa mx, talks // SW 7185. Off 1830
917	2140	04/11	R Yola, Gotel, Nigeria	Typical local singing, talks in VV
1440	**1815**	**30/10**	**ABC – Adamar BC, Yola, Nigeria**	Lively talk in vernacs, ethnic mx, "ABC" IDs On Sun 6 Nov heard closing at 2100 with Anthem.
1530	2100	05/11	VOA , Sao Tome	VOA nx in EE // 6195
1550	2103	29/10	Nat R of SADR, Algeria	OM in AA, many mentions of Saharwi

ASIA / MIDDLE EAST

279	1908	30/10	Turkmen R, Ashgabat	"Watan" ID & fanfare, talks in pres Turkmen
558	1627	01/11	IRIB Gheslagh, Iran	YL in Farsi // 1503. R Iran chimes, ID 1630.
567	**1540**	**07/11**	**AIR Dibrugarh, India**	nx in English "News at Nine" //594
576**	**1537**	**07/11**	**Myanma R, Yangon**	YL nx in EE // 594 & SW 5985 (576 best)
585	1516	31/10	AIR Nagpur, India	YL VV talk //918, audible under Pakistan
585	1431	31/10	R Pakistan, Islamabad	ID, nx in Urdu
594	1530	04/11	AIR Chinsurah, India	YL nx in EE // 5040 etc
594	1538	07/11	Myanma R, Naypyitaw	YL nx in EE // 576 & SW 5985
594	1715	01/11	IRIB, Zahedan *(re WRTH 2016)*, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // 558, 1503
603	1625	07/11	CRI, Dongfang, Hainan, China	CRI Vietnamese // 6010
612	**1704**	**06/11**	**Kyrgyz R, Bishkek**	Nx in Kyrgyz // SW 4010
648	1543	31/10	AIR Indore, India	evening "News at Nine" in English to 1545
666	1755	02/11	AIR Delhi, India	sitar music, 1800 ID "Akashvani Delhi"
675	**1555**	**31/10**	**QMC, Al Arish, Qatar**	YL nx AA, many mentions of Qatar
675	1405	10/11	VOV 1, Huang Yen, Vietnam	Nx in Vietnamese // 9635.
684	1533	10/11	IRIB Mashhad	Phone-calls in Farsi mentions Mashhad - local px
702	1723	31/10	IRIB Kiashahr, Iran	anthem, Koran, External service in Talysh.
711	**1516**	**31/10**	**R Pakistan, Dera Ismail Khan**	Talk in Urdu // stronger 585
711	1519	31/10	AIR Siliguru, India	Talk in Hindi // 918 etc
711.03	1715	31/10	IRIB R Ahvaz, Iran	Local prg: YL in AA mentions Ahvaz & Khuzestan
720	1557	01/11	IRIB Mahidasht, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // 1431, 1503
738	1533	06/11	Xinjiang PBS, Hutubi, China	OM in CC // 1494 7260
738	1605	05/11	AIR Hyderabad, India	sitar concert // 747, 648 etc
747	1422	31/10	AIR Lucknow, India	VV, news, YL ID "Ye Akashvani Lucknow"
765	1704	04/11	AIR Dharwad, India	Indian mx //4920 819 (co-ch BBC Essex)
783	**1650**	**31/10**	**IRIB, Zahedan, Iran**	Talk in Farsi mentions Zahedan. IRIB ID at 1730
801	1540	08/11	AIR Jabalpur, India	Nx EE // 918, SW 5040 etc
819	1633	01/11	AIR Delhi, India	Indian classical mx //4920 9380
819	**1704**	**02/11**	**Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka**	YL in Bengali // SW 4750. (under India)
819	**1730**	**01/11**	**IRIB Sari, Iran**	YL ID "Inja Sari", nx in Farsi
846	1605	05/11	AIR Ahmedabad, India	sitar concert // 747, 648 etc
846	**1436**	**10/11**	**Bangladesh Betar, Rajshahi**	Nx in Bengali // 4750
864	**1434**	**08/11**	**AIR Shillong, India**	EE pop songs, YL in EE, AIR ID @ 1500.
864	1625	01/11	TWR, Gavar Armenia	TWR IS, s/on in Kazakh
873	1611	05/11	AIR Jalandhar, India	sitar concert // 747, 648 etc
918	1501	31/10	AIR Suratgarh, India	YL in VV, adverts, Akashvani IDs.

918	**1546**	**07/11**	**Nat R of Cambodia, Phnom Penh**	Tlks in Khmer, exotic mx // webstream. -1700*
927	**1518**	**04/11**	**AIR Visakapatnam, India**	YL in Hindi // 918, 747 etc
927	1628	02/11	NHK R Japan via Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Russian px, anns, well-known NHK tune.
945	**1613**	**05/11**	**AIR Sambalpur, India**	sitar concert // 747, 648, 918 etc
954	1437	31/10	AIR Najibabad, India	Talks in Hindi, Akashvani ID
963	1648	06/11	IRIB Birjand, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // v strong 558 kHz
972	1440	31/10	VOA via Dushanbe, Tajikistan	VOA ID, nx in pres Pashto/Dari
981	1606	05/11	AIR Raipur, India	Indian music // 648 kHz
1044	1509	31/10	AIR Mumbai, India	"... Delhi station of All India Radio", then VV ID
1071	1611	08/11	AIR Rajkot	Indian music, man with "Ye All India Radio" ID
1080	2019	29/11	IRIB Mahshahr, Iran	YL in AA - VIRI AA svc // 6060
1098	1445	08/11	CNR 11, Golmud, Qinghai, China	CNR 11 in Tibetan // 6010, 9480
1098	1627	06/11	CBS/RTI Kouhu, Taiwan	classical music, ann inc .tw website.
1116	1450	31/10	AIR Srinagar, Kashmir, India	"Radio Kashmir" ID, talks in VV
1143	1527	31/10	AIR, (2 sites) India	VV ID, 1530: news in English, ID
1188	2229	10/11	IRIB Tehran, Iran	Light instrumental mx "Radyo Payam" ID 2230
1188	1417	10/11	CRI, Xuanwei, China	CRI Nepali service inc Indian-style music //7435
1206	1610	05/11	AIR Bhawanipatna, India	Indian mx //648 4920
1269	**1645**	**07/11**	**CRI R Int, Xuanwei, Yunnan, China**	Hindi service, ID, ann CRI email //7395
1269	**1712**	**07/11**	**Radio Asia, Ral-al-Khaimah, UAE**	Indian film mx, ads, Malayalam //web stream
1269	**2225**	**03/11**	**IRIB Khalkhal, Iran**	R Iran in Farsi // 783, 1512 etc
1278	1501	31/10	IRIB Kermanshah, Iran	OM/YL talk in Farsi "Radyo Kermanshah" ID
1377	1607	31/10	CNR 1, Yi ngyang, China	CC talk // 4800
1395	1534	31/10	AIR Bikaner, India	news in English //648 etc, reports "in Mumbai...."
1431	1550	01/11	IRIB Habibabad, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // 1503
1449	1552	01/11	IRIB Bandar-e Torkoman, Iran	VIRI ext svc in Turkmen. Typical strumming mx.
1467	1530	08/11	TWR Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	TWR IS, ID 'Radio Sedaye Zindagi' in Dari
1467.35	1711	04/11	IRIB Alborz (Qom)	Local px in Farsi
1476	1500	10/11	R Thailand, Chiang Mai (pres)	Talks in Thai, gongs, typical music.
1476.26	1710	04/11	IRIB Marivan, Iran	Local px in Farsi @ 2115 // R Iran 1512 etc
1494	1530	06/11	Xinjiang PBS, China	OM in CC //7260 738
1503	1540	01/11	IRIB Bushehr, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // 1431 etc
1512	1733	01/11	IRIB Ardabil, Iran	R Iran in Farsi // 1503 etc
1521	1920	30/10	CRI, Urumqi, China	CRI Russian svc "Radio Chitaya" ID // 6100
1539	1535	31/10	CNR 1, Golmud, China	Talks in CC // 4800
1575	1417	06/11	VOA, Ban Phachi, Thailand	Khmer px, VOA IDs
1575	1732	31/10	IRIB Abadan, Iran	YL nx in Farsi // 783, 1503 etc
1593	1559	07/11	CNR 1, Changzhou, Chia	classical mx, time pip, CC //4800

NORTH AMERICA

540	2247	01/11	CBT	Grand Falls	NL	CBC R1 in conversation // 1140, 1400
570	0833	31/10	KNR	Nuuk, Greenland	-	YL in Greenlandic // 650, 720
570	2034	08/11	CFCB	Corner Brook	NL	VOCM local wx
590	0729	30/10	VOCM	St John's	NL	'..news leader in Newfoundland .VOCM'
600	0830	02/11	CBNA	St Anthony	NL	"6 AM – CBC news"
610	0832	02/11	WIOD	Miami	FL	"News radio 6-10 WIOD", promo
620	2331	02/11	CKCM	Grand Falls	NL	"VOCM News update"
640	2248	01/11	CBN	St Johns	NL	CBC R1 // 540, 1400
650	0834	31/10	KNR	Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland		YL in Greenlandic // 570, 720
650	2314	01/11	CKGA	Gander	NL	sports, "VOCM Radio Network" //590
660	0756	07/11	WFAN	New York	NY	The Fan '..101.9FM WFAN & WFAN-FM'
680	0017	11/11	WRKO	Boston	MA	adverts, promotion mentions "WRKO"
680	1006	07/11	CJOB	Winnipeg	MB	'this is Coast to Coast on 680 CJOB'
680	1120	09/11	KBRW	Barrow, Alaska		1200: local events, raffle, 'KBRW Barrow'

680	1359	08/11	KBRW	Barrow, Alaska (pres)		BBCWS in EE – 'Newshour'
710	0743	31/10	CKVO	Clarenville	NL	Wings record, VOCM ID
720	0835	31/10	KNR	Simiutaq, Greenland	-	YL in Greenlandic // 570, 650
730	0854	02/11	CKAC	Montreal	PQ	Nx, promos & ID in French
740	0738	30/10	CHCM	Marystown	NL	pop, oldies // 590 VOCM
750	1234	09/11	KFQD	Anchorage, Alaska		'FM News 103 7 KFQD' then KFQD wx
750	2237	31/10	CBGY	Bonavista Bay	NL	Story reading // 1400, 1140
770	0002	11/11	WABC	New York	NY	"WABC Newstime 7-02, traffic & wx next"
780	0740	01/11	WBBM	Chicago	IL	"News radio 780 & 105 FM – WBBM"
790	0758	10/11	WAXY	Miami	FL	"790 The Ticket...WAXY AM Miami .. ...WSFS-HD2 Miramar"
800	2158	01/11	VOWR	St John's	NL	'radio stn VOWR, 800 on your radio dial'
830	0034	08/11	WCRN	Worcester	MA	'news & talk radio 8-30 WCRN'
850	0900	07/11	WEEI	Boston	MA	"AM 8-50 WEEI Boston - ESPN on WEEI"
880	0745	08/11	WCBS	New York	NY	"WCBS News Radio" – wx (temps), tc, ID.
930	1016	07/11	CFBC	St John	NB	"Country favourites – 93 CFBC"
930	2358	30/10	CJYQ	St John's	NL	"on the new 9-30 Kixx Country"
950	0804	03/11	CKNB	Campbellton	NB	"Your community, your station: 95 CKNB"
970	0955	06/11	WZAN	Portland	ME	'AM970 WZeeAN Portland's ESPN Radio'
990	0059	08/11	CBY	Corner Brook	NL	'CBC Radio 1 - 600 in St Anthony'
1000	0757	31/10	WMVP	Chicago	IL	local ads, 0800: legal ID
1010	0911	07/11	WINS	New York	NY	'Wins Newstime 4-11, traffic & transit...'
1010	0918	07/11	CFRB	Toronto	ON	'John Moore on Newstalk 10-10' //6070
1020	2345	10/11	KDKA	Pittsburgh	PA	'KDKA...its 45 degrees at Pittsburgh Intl '
1030	2338	02/11	WBZ	Boston	MA	Nx, ads "WBZ.. its 58 degrees in Boston"
1050	0031	07/11	WEPN	New York	NY	"ESPN 10-50 AM" Spanish sports talk
1060	**0935**	**07/11**	**KYW**	**Philadelphia**	**PA**	'stay tuned to KYW News Radio for....'
1080	0953	07/11	WTIC	Hartford	CT	'..listening to Coast to Coast AM on WTIC'
1110	0022	08/11	WBT	Charlotte	NC	'news talk 11-10 WBT'
1130	0841	09/11	WBBR	New York	NY	"Bloomberg 11-3-0" Trump victory speech
1140	2129	31/10	CBI	Sydney	NS	News promo, "As It happens"
1150	2325	10/11	CKOC	Hamilton	ON	Traffic for Hamilton, 2230 CKOC ID
1190	2037	08/11	WLIB	New York	NY	RnB mx, YL 'Enjoy the (word?) on WLIB'
1200	0859	09/11	WXKS	Newton	MA	'this is WXKS ..... Boston" Bloomberg
1210	2340	29/10	VOAR	Mount Pearl	NL	religious talk, Pastor, ID inc FM freq.
1230	1000	07/11	WSBB	New Smyrna Beach	FL	legal ID: "AM 1230 WSBB New Smyrna Beach, AM 1490 WTJV ..."
1230	2259	02/11	WCMC	Wildwood	NJ	oldies, DJ "1340 WMID Atlantic City"
1260	0758	09/11	WBIX	Boston	MA	"in Boston, WBIX The Buzz"
1270	2200	02/11	CJCB	Sydney	NS	"Cape Breton's country favourites 1270 CJCB"
1280	0800	05/11	VSB2-BBN	Bermuda	-	EE rel px, "if you are listening to BBN...."
1290	0904	11/11	WJNO	West Palm Beach	FL	'News Radio 1290 WJNO, an iHeart radio station'
1300	0930	04/11	WFFG	Marathon	FL	Ad for Sandal Factory outlet in Marathon
1320	0901	10/11	WLQY	Hollywood	FL	"WLQY.. Hollywood-Miami-Ft Lauderdale"
1320	**1000**	**10/11**	**CHMB**	**Vancouver**	**BC**	ID "This is CHMB AM 1320 Vancouver" then Chinese programming.
1330	0825	07/11	WRCA	Watertown	MA	Lively SS mx YL ID "on WRCA"
1350	2208	08/11	CKAD	Middleton	NS	"..AVR..CKAD 1350 AM" Country music
1360	0006	08/11	WDRC	Hartford	CT	'AM 1360 610 1240 & 1470, the Talk of Connecticut'
1370	2301	07/11	WDEA	Ellsworth	ME	ABC News, "this is AM 1370 WDEA"
1380	0010	08/11	CKPC	Brantford	ON	YL DJ: "Hometown country 1380 CKPC"
1380	0959	07/11	WWMI	St Petersburg	FL	promo for "Debbie Lewis show at 9 on AM 1380 The Biz"
1390	0659	30/10	WEGP	Presque Isle	ME	"Presence Radio Network", legal ID
1390	2213	07/11	WPLM	Plymouth	MA	classic pops, "Today's Easy 99.1"
1400	2128	31/10	CBG	Gander	NL	"here on CBC radio in Newfoundland"
1400	2306	02/11	WOND	Pleasantville	NJ	tc 0707, "WOND News", wx

1420	0818	04/11	WAOC	St Augustine	FL	local ads St Augustine Shore Golf, RV Park
1420	0821	04/11	CKDY	Digby	NS	C-K-D-Y ID between country music tracks
1430	0730	31/10	WNSW	Newark	NJ	"Relevant Radio" Catholic pxs.
1440	2251	07/11	WRED	Westbrook	ME	sports, "The Big Jab" IDs
1440	2157	08/11	WVEI	Worcester	MA	promos 14-40 WEEI & weei.com (IDs as WEEI but official call is WVEI)
1450	2254	08/11	WPGG	Atlantic City	NJ	"WPG Talk Radio 104.1, your....."
1470	0904	04/11	WWNN	Pompano Beach	FL	"1470 WWNN Pompano Beach, Boca Racon, Miami, Fort Lauderdale"
1470	1000	10/11	CJVB	Vancouver	BC	CC mx, EE ID "...CJVB Fairchild Radio"
1470	1008	11/11	WIBD	West Bend *(ex WBKV)*	WI	oldies, ID 'West Bend's 101.3 WIBD'
1470	2235	07/11	WLAM	Lewiston	ME	oldies, ID "870 & 1470 WLAM"
1480	0016	02/11	WSAR	Fall River	MA	'No1 radio all day every day, 1480 WSAR'
1490	0000	01/11	WMBM	Miami Beach	FL	'Gospel AM 1490 WMBM..all of S Florida'
1490	2326	07/11	WBAE	Portland	ME	"1490 WBAE, now on FM on 107-1"
1500	0727	31/10	WFED	Washington	DC	px promo 'on Federal News R 1500 AM'
1510	2205	02/11	WMEX	Boston	MA	talk show, ad for WMEX travel pillow
1510	**0936**	**11/11**	**KCKK**	**Littleton**	**CO**	Rock mx, ID "93.7 The Rock"
1520	0759	01/11	WWKB	Buffalo	NY	"Buffalo's home for ESPN radio – WWKB"
1520	**1007**	**10/11**	**KKXA**	**Snohomish**	**WA**	'Classic Country 1520 KXA' '& FM 101'
1530	**2230**	**02/11**	**WVBF**	**Middleborough Center**	**MA**	Long community anns for events in the Marshfield and Norwell (MA) areas
1540	0752	31/10	KXEL	Waterloo	IA	'beacon of freedom, newstalk 1540 KXEL'
1540	2330	06/11	WDCD	Pleasantville	NJ	"support our local WDCD partners"
1560	0659	01/11	WFME	New York	NY	"WFME New York" with Family Radio tune
1570	**2120**	**07/11**	**WMVX**	**Methuen**	**MA**	"AM 15-70 Nossa Radio WMVX Methuen-Boston" (NB all in PP Brazilian - Nossa R)
1580	0731	02/11	CKDO	Oshawa	ON	oldies, CKDO sung jingle, local ads
1590	**0721**	**02/11**	**WFTH**	**Richmond**	**VA**	rock mx, relay of WNRN 'at WNRN.org'
1590	**0800**	**02/11**	**WKPT**	**Johnson City**	**TN**	ID '97.7, a Holston Valley B'casting stn'
1590	1005	11/11	WCGO	Evanston	IL	"WCGO wants to help your business"
1590	**1017**	**11/11**	**WGBW**	**Denmark**	**WI**	oldies, 'overnite WGBW weather forecast'
1590	2303	10/11	WAKR	Akron	OH	'from the WAKR awardwinning newsroom'
1590	2225	02/11	WARV	Warwick	RI	rel preacher, "AM 1590 WARV" ID 2231
1600	0103	02/11	WUNR	Brookline	MA	"Radio Mexico 1600 AM" (prg on WUNR)
1600	0956	08/11	WKWF	Key West	FL	'sports radio 16-00 WKWF'
1600	1030	11/11	WRPN	Ripon	WI	"bringing local radio back to Western Fond du Lac & Greenlake county this is AM 1600 your Hometown station" pop mx
1630	2310	03/11	KCJJ	Iowa City	IA	"Iowa City's biggest hits...16-30 KCJJ"
1640	0035	07/11	WSJP	Sussex	WI	Relevant Radio "talk radio for Catholics"
1640	0059	07/11	WTNI	Biloxi	MS	ESPN Radio, legal ID
1650	2350	01/11	WHKT	Portsmouth	VA	"conservative talk radio 16-50 WHKT"
1650	2345	03/11	CINA	Mississauga	ON	Ads in Tamil(?) cinaradio.com promo
1660	2300	31/10	WCNZ	Marco Island	FL	"listener supported radio... WCNZ"
1670	2357	07/11	CJEU	Gatineau	QC	FF pop child ID "Radio Jeunesse"
1690	2300	10/11	CHTO	Toronto	ON	ERT nx in Greek, CHTO ID in EE @ 2315
1690	2317	03/11	WPTX	Lexington Park	MD	"all time favourite music, 1690AM WPTX"
1700	0101	31/10	WJCC	Miami Springs	FL	full ID,'"Radio Mega 1700 WJCC' Creole
1700	**2339**	**01/11**	**WRCR**	**Ramapo**	**NY**	YL promos "at wrcr.com"





CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

560	0733	07/11	R Rebelde, Ciego de Avíla, Cuba	SS ballads // SW 5025
570	0804	01/11	R Reloj, Santa Clara, Cuba	Nx in SS & ticking clock. "RR" in morse
580	0800	03/11	WKAQ, San Juan, Puerto Rico	SS ID "WKAQ 580 AM San Juan, WUKQ 1420 Ponce, WYEL 600 AM Mayaquez"
600	2323	01/11	R Rebelde, San Germán, Cuba	OM in Spanish // SW 5025
610	0738	31/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	slow ballad // SW 5025, 670 etc
620	0745	07/11	R Rebelde, Colón, Cuba	SS // 5025 610 etc
630	0747	07/11	WUNO NotiUno, San Juan, Puerto Rico	ads, ID "Notiuno 630"
640	0756	10/11	R Progreso, (2 sites) Cuba	YL SS ann inc ID then old-style Cuban song
670	0738	31/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	slow ballad // SW 5025, 610 etc
710	0737	30/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	slow songs // SW 5025
730	**0857**	**11/11**	**R Progreso, La Fe, Cuba**	Cuban reports //890
770	0901	07/11	R Rebelde, Victoria de las Tunas, Cuba.	ID, nx SS // 5025
790	0800	03/11	R Reloj, multi-site, Cuba	SS ID, tone.
800	2355	05/11	Trans World R, Bonaire	ann for twr.org web site (briefly hrd over VOWR)
840	**2357**	**10/11**	**R 4VEH, Cap Haitian, Haiti**	FF talk, organ mx, ID "Radio Quatre-V-E-H"
850	0855	07/11	R Reloj, Nueva Gerona, Cuba	Ticking clock, SS nx
860	0805	11/11	R Reloj (2 sites), Cuba	SS nx, ID, ticking clock
870	0746	03/11	R Reloj, multi-site, Cuba	SS talk over ticking clock, ID tc and morse 'RR'
890	0859	11/11	R Progreso, Chambas, Cuba	ballad, SS // R Progreso on 730.
900	0759	03/11	R Progreso, Holguín, Cuba	SS talk, "Radio Progreso" ID then nx jingle.
950	2324	02/11	R Reloj (2 sites), Cuba	SS nx, TC, ID, ticking clock
960	0823	03/11	R Reloj, Guantánamo, Cuba	ticking clock, ID and morse ID.
1020	2351	02/11	R Reloj, Victoria de las Tunas, Cuba.	SS nx, ticking clock, morse "RR"
1060	0928	07/11	Radio 26, Jovellanos, Cuba	"Radio 26" Spanish ID
1140	0913	05/11	R Surco, Ciego de Ávila, Cuba	Cuban music, slogan and Radio Surco ID.
1180	0800	30/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	ID in SS announcement.
1280	0759	03/11	WCMN, Arecibo, Puerto Rico	SS talk, Notiuno & WCMN ID SS
1320	2255	29/10	WSKN R Isla, San Juan, Puerto Rico	SS slogan inc "Radio Isla"
1350	0858	10/11	R Libertad, Puerto Padres, Cuba	(tent) SS ann, 'Radio Victoria' ID (rpted relays RV)
1400	2147	29/10	Harbour Light of the Windwards, Grenada	tc "5.47" Oasis px, 2201 ID, tc, BBC nx
1480	2215	05/11	WMDD, El 1480, Fajardo, Puerto Rico	SS ads, ID "El 1480"
1520	2255	30/10	WVOZ, San Juan, Puerto Rico	Rel px SS, ads, full ID @ 2301
1540	2350	06/11	R Bahamas, Nassau	YL w/ anns: Bahamas university, wx for Bahamas.
1550	0721	31/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Rebelde ID //5025, echo from multi txers audible.
1610	0845	30/10	Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla	female preacher in EE //6090 kHz SW.
1620	2240	31/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Cuban mx // SW 5025
1660	2301	02/11	WGIT, Canovanas, Puerto Rico	full SS ID inc "Faro di Santidad", SS rel talk

SOUTH AMERICA

570	0803	01/11	R Nac de Colombia, Bogota	ID in SS "R Nacional ...la radio deportiva"
680	0704	01/11	R Nac de Colombia, Barranquilla	SS ID "Radio Nacional de Colombia"
740**	**0900**	**05/11**	**Ecos del Pasto (HJHB), Colombia**	R Vaticana px ending, then long local ID SS
750	2258	30/10	RCR Radio Caracas,Venezuela	YL SS, time pips, "RCR" ID
760	0859	07/11	RCN Radio, Barranquilla, Colombia	Cumbia music, songs "RCN Radio" ID
770	2340	01/11	RCN, Bogota, Colombia	RCN promo, football, Copa America. SS
780	0845	11/11	R Cora, Venezuela	salsa mx, 'Radio Cora' ID. SS
820	0808	07/11	Caracol R, Cali, Colombia	SS mx "en Caracol Radio..."
870 **	**0746**	**03/11**	**Sensacion R, Caracas, Venezuela**	"musica...8-30 AM Sensacion Radio.."
920 **	**0850**	**05/11**	**R Vision, Samangay, Peru**	Andean singing, 0901 full ID SS
940	2325	01/11	R Boa Vontada, Rio de Janiero, Brazil.	RBV promo
980	2304	02/11	R Nacional, Brasilia, Brazil	PP ID "Radio Nacional de Brasilia AM....."
1010	0850	03/11	W Radio, Baranquilla, Colombia	"Doble U radio de Colombia". Noticias. SS
1040	**0855**	**03/11**	**R Tropical, Baranquilla, Colombia**	lively LA mx, "Radio Tropical, mas musica"
1070	0658	01/11	Q'hubo R via R Santa Fe, Bogota, Col	SS ID: "Q'hubo Radio, 10-70 AM"
1100	0843	09/11	Caracol R, Barranquilla, Colombia	"Caracol Radio....." sung jingle
1130	0920	05/11	R Vida, Colombia	Long SS ID "..Radio Vida 1130 Am 24 horas..."
1130	2335	01/11	R Ideal, Maiquetia, Venezuela	SS promo "11-30 AM - Radio Ideal 24 horas"

1190	0816	05/11	LV de la Costa, Barranquilla, Col	“La Voz de La Costa” ID, SS pop.
1190	0826	05/11	R Cordillero, Bogota, Colombia	DJ with many IDs and lively cumbia music
1230	30/10	2234	LT2 Radio 2, Rosario, Argentina	marching band mx, “Radio Dos” ID
1250	2359	03/11	R Capital, Bogota, Colombia	“La Voz de la Liberacion” px, mention Bogota.
1260	**0701**	**08/11**	**Caracol R (2 sites) Colombia**	“programa politico de Radio Caracol”. SS
1270	30/10	0705	R Provincia, La Plata, Argentina	SS ID “escucha Radio Provincia”
1290	2210	29/10	R Puerto Cabello, Venezuela	lively football commentary, ID SS
1350	0702	30/10	R Buenos Aires, Argentina	SS ID “Radio Buenos Aires”
1350*	2227	30/10	Super Rede Boa Vontade, Salvador, Brazil	guitar song, “Boa Vontade” ID *1349.92
1380	2230	29/10	Ondas del Mar, Pto Cabello, Ven	mx, SS ID “Ondas del Mar”
1450	0835	03/11	R Maria, Caracas, Venezuela	promo for Radio Maria Venezuela web site
1500	0804	05/11	R 2000, Cumana, Venezuela	“Radio Dos Mil, la emisora del pueblo”
1570	0035	02/11	R Carraviz, Juliaca, Peru	Lively SS O/B from fiesta “en Juliaca”
1570	0753	05/11	R Bethel, Lima, Peru	Mx, ID/promo in SS “...en Bethel”
1600	2256	30/10	R 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo	Rel px in PP, ID

EUROPE

549	1653	31/10	R Krym Realii, Mykolaiv, Ukraine	OM in RR “Radio Krim Realii” ID
738	1600	04/11	NHK World R Japan via WRN relay, Moscow.	NHK R Japan theme in the mix.
828	1406	10/11	Pravosavnoye, St Petersburg, Russia	OM in RR, gong, then talk inc ID.
1071	2135	31/10	CRo Plus, Ostrava, Czech Rep	Nx EE – meeting at Prague Castle
1314	1236	06/11	Bergen Kringkaster, Norway.	Discussion px with old time mx, IDs. Norwegian. good signal despite low power; heard until 1400.

UK LPAMs

1332	0843	31/10	R Warrington	Breakfast “here on Radio Warrington 13-32 AM”
1287	1002	05/11	VRN, Kirkcaldy	“Walter Brennan here on VRN”
1287	1459	08/11	R Glan Clwyd	ID “Radio Glan Clwyd 1287’ & jingle before fading
1350	0827	31/10	Kingstown R, Hull	slogan and ID.
1350	0855	02/11	Mid Downs R, Haywards Heath	“Wake up with Wilkins on Mid Downs Radio”
1386	0854	30/10	Radio J Com, Leeds	ann: “.... on Radio J Com” [penultimate day on air?]
1386	0902	30/10	Carillon Radio, (2 sites) Leics	Carillon Radio sung jingle after news.
1431	0851	30/10	Carillon Radio, (2 sites) Leics	oldies // 1386 but with fair delay
1521	2053	29/10	Flame CCR, Wirral	rel px ”, “Good News for the Wirral” ID inc 1-5-2-1
1575	0955	05/11	R Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	nx, “Markus Franklyn on Radio Tyneside”
1602	1715	06/11	Heritage R, Manchester	“call the Heritage Radio sales team now on 0161..”



Above: 300 degree Beverage wire and a supporting cane near to back of our DX cottage.

SHORTWAVE LOGS

kHz	UTC	Station, programme details, language etc	SIO	Date	Init.
2325	1652	VL8T Tennant Creek, Australia - OM+YL EE chat //2485	252	01/11	APs
2485	1835	VL8K Katherine, Australia – ABC promo, “Good Morning”, tcs	253	31/10	APs
2500	1651	BPM Lintong, China – time signals, pulses, beep on minute //5000	152	04/11	APs
3250	1640	Pyongyang PBS, N Korea – high-pitched YL singing //6400	151	04/11	APs
3255	1800	BBC WS via Meyerton, S Africa – world nx EE // 7445, 6195	232	02/11	DKs
3310	2242	R Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, Bolivia – SS/Quecha OM.	252	29/10	APs
3320	1635	Pyongyang PBS, N Korea – opera-like song in Korean //6400	152	04/11	APs
3325	1628	RRI Palangkaraya, Indonesia – songs, jingle, ‘phone-in (requests?) closing anns + Hawaiian guitar mx @ 1700* (also 01/11 @ 1654)	242	04/11	APs
3915	2245	BBC WS via Kranji – px on weather, EE.	454	29/10	APs
3925	0833	R Nikkei, Japan – ‘Let’s Read the Nikkei’ in EE, JJ // 9595, 6155	141	05/11	DKs
3950	1549	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi – piano mx, CC //5060, 5960.	453	08/11	APs
3985	1505	CNR2 (China Business R?), Golmud – YL in CC //6090.	242	06/11	APs
3985	2020	R Slovakia Int via Kall, Germany - Tlk on ossiaries in Slovakia. EE	344	01/11	DKs
3990	2352	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi – ID, YL with px details. Uighur //4980 6120	444	09/11	APs
3995	2343	Life FM (Cork) via HCJB Germany, Weenermoor – Irish OM, EE.	444	09/11	APs
4055	2325	R Verdad, Guatemala. Organ mx, SS rel talk, R Verdad ID.	232	05/11	DKs
4747.57	2345	R Huanta 2000, Huanta, Peru - Peruvian mx, DJs mention Huanta	232	09/11	DKs
4750	1527	Bangladesh Betar – local pop, 1530: ID then nx & nx commentary in EE. Tx off @ 1546*. Back @ 1653 tune-in until 1707* //819 MW	344	02/11	APs
4750	1700	Bangladesh Betar - Pips, ID, Nx EE. Tx off 1707 in mid sentence	344	30/10	DKs
4750	1702	Bangladesh Betar – nx in Punjabi, ID, sports nx, ID, cut @ 1705*	444	01/11	APs
4750	1710	China Nat R, Nei Menggu – CC OM over music //4800.	151	01/11	APs
4760	1632	TWR Swaziland – OM in Shangaan (Tues).1641 song, IS @ 1645*	252	08/11	APs
4774.90	2227	R Tarma, Tarma, Peru - Andean singing “Radio Tarma” ID SS	344	29/10	DKs
4810	1745	Armenian Public R, Yerevan – IS, anthem, YL with schedule. Farsi	343	31/10	APs
4835	0825	VL8A Alice Springs, Australia – EE chat //4910. 0830: ABC nx	141	08/11	APs
4835	1639	VL8A Alice Springs, Australia – Tom Jones record //2485	354	31/10	APs
4840	0922	WWCR Nashville TN, USA – ad for fullycookedbacon.com	454	03/11	APs
4870.42	1515	R Sadaye Kashmir, Delhi, India – VV, mentions Pakistan, off 1531	233	02/11	DKs
4885	1730	Echo of Hope/VOH – chat in Korean, light mx, OM+YL joking.	253	01/11	APs
4895	1640	AIR Kurseong, India – OM in English //648 MW.	252	31/10	APs
4895	1720	Amateur Radio Today via Meyerton - DX condx. Close at 1725. EE	232	07/11	DKs
4905	1642	Xizang PBS, Lhasa – ‘Holy Tibet’ px in EE, Yak Museum //4920 etc	343	31/10	APs
4910	0821	VL8T Tennant Creek – chat //4835, 0830 pres switch to 2325 kHz.	151	08/11	APs
4920	1633	AIR Chennai, India – droning Indian mx //819, 9380.	422	01/11	APs
4920	1645	Xizang PBS, Lhasa – ‘Holy Tibet’ EE //4905 6025 6110 6130 6200	344	31/10	APs
4925.26	2107	R Educação Rural, Tefe, Brazil – Portuguese commentary.	252	29/10	APs
4949.74	1739	R Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos – YL in PP, “Angola”, low mod.	142	31/10	APs
4949.71	1959	R Nacional de Angola, Luanda – Promo/ID in PP, nx	232	29/10	DKs
4955	2240	R Cultural Amauta, Huanta, Peru - Rel talks SS & Quechua. YL ID	233	29/10	DKs
5010	1705	AIR Thiruvananthapuram, India – Indian wailing song //4920, 747	252	02/11	APs
5024.90	2217	R Quillabamba, Peru – greetings, ID, SS.	222	29/10	DKs
5024.90	2244	R Quillabamba, Cusco, Peru – children’s sports anns, ID tc “5.53”. Rebelde (temporarily?) off again, so clear channel. ID @ 2300.	343	03/11	APs
5025	0737	R Rebelde, Cuba - Cuban songs //MW +31/10 @0721, 1/11@2323	353	30/10	APs
5035	0730	R Aperecida, Brazil – OM and YL in PP. song, ID.	252	10/11	APs
5040	1635	AIR Jeypore, India – droning Indian mx, //4920, 9380	253	01/11	APs
5050	0105	WWRB, USA (pres) - Talk about gun lobby, rigged election in USA	243	30/10	DKs
5060	1550	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi – CC ballad // 3950, 5960	353	08/11	APs
5130	0110	WBCQ, Monticello, USA. – Classic magic show. EE	244	30/10	DKs
5130.07	2320	WBCQ, Monticello ME, USA – strange/old songs. Radio Timtron?	353	05/11	APs
5130	1719	SW Relay Svce, Bishkek KGZ – YL in VV, occasional morse QRM	142	01/11	APs
5915	1658	ZNBC R1, Zambia. VV ads, EE nx at 1800, best after 1730	142	06/11	APs
5985	1518	Myanma R, Myanmar. ID, nx in EE. Friends Around World	333	04/11	DKs
6005	1547	Swissinfo via Germany. Classical mx in Switzerland, EE	333	06/11	DKs
6015J	1020	KBS World R, S Korea. Rock mx, EE lesson ‘traffic is moving KK	222	09/11	DKs

6025	1645	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet. 'Holy Tibet' px in EE // 4905 4920	354	31/10	APs
6050	0925	HCJB, Ecuador. S/on with Ecuador folk mx, anthem	252	08/11	DKs
6055	0832	R Nikkei, Japan. "Lets Read the Nikkei" in EE, JJ // 9595 3925	242	05/11	DKs
6060	1617	China R Int, Kunming. English, "Chinese Theatre" play	354	08/11	APs
6100	1535	R Afghanistan, Kabul. Pop mx, talk on Afghan economy, EE	222	31/10	DKs
6100	1544	R Afghanistan, Kabul. OM with reports in EE, off at 1552?	333	03/11	APs
6115	1741	R Congo, Brazzaville, DRC. Af pop, DJ in FF, "Radio Congo" ID	222	01/11	APs
6120	1930	R Mi Amigo via Armenia. Special bx promoting new 6085, EE	444	29/10	DKs
6130	1645	PBS Xizang, Tibet. Yak Museum of Tibet – 'Holy Tibet' EE px	344	31/10	APs
6145	1930	Radiofreunde NRW via Armenia. OB from DX Camp, GG	455	05/11	DKs
6145	2045	Golden 80s Rewind via Armenia. Smiths, Clash etc to 2100, EE	444	06/11	DKs
6159.97	2158	CFRX, St Johns NL, Canada. "CBC R1 95.5 FM in Happy Valley"	242	29/10	DKs
6170	0916	SWR, Virrat, Finland. ID in Finnish, Beach Boys // 11720	142	05/11	DKs
6180	1625	Shiokaze, Japan. Piano mx, YL in EE on missing	242	03/11	DKs
6400	1635	Pyongyang PBS, N Korea. Opera-like song, Korean // 3320	353	04/11	APs
7120	1844	R Hargeisa, Somaliland. Typical mx, YL mentions Somaliland	243	31/10	DKs
7120	1845	R Hargeisa, Somaliland. OM in Somali, reports, speech extracts	343	05/11	APs
7145	1830	VO Broad Masses of Eritrea 1, Asmara. Eritrean anthem, off	344	31/10	DKs
7185	1735	VO Broad Masses of Eritrea 2, Asmara. HoA mx, talk // 845, off	344	31/10	DKs
7205	1848	R Rep of Sudan. YL: "Idaat Salaat Omdurman" mx, -1900*	242	05/11	APs
7260	1533	PBS Xinjiang, China. OM in CC // 738 1494	353	06/11	APs
7265	1535	Hamburger Lokalradio, Germany. Glenn Hauser – WoR, EE	333	05/11	DKs
7275	1850	KBS World R, S Korea. Listener reports, "Inside the Mailbox", EE	343	05/11	APs
7395	1649	China R Int, Kunming. Language lesson, Hindi service // 1269	353	07/11	APs
7490	2200	WBCQ, Maine, USA. Glenn Hauser – World of Radio, EE	344	09/11	DKs
9380	1633	All India R. Aligarh. Indian mx // 819 4920	353	01/11	APs
9595	0831	R Nikkei, Japan. "Lets Read the Nikkei" in EE JJ // 3925 6155	243	05/11	DKs
9595	0932	R Nikkei, Japan. Cont. techno mx // 6055, 0959 anns in JJ	252	02/11	APs
9615	0815	KNLS, Alaska, USA. Mx, Focus on Family, "write to KNLS", EE	142	01/11	DKs
9615	1015	KNLS, Alaska, USA. 'New Life Station' ID, Justin Bieber track,EE	243	09/11	DKs
9765	0924	R New Zealand Int. Interview about NZ national parks, EE	354	02/11	APs
11720	0915	SWR, Virrat, Finland. Beach Boys, ID in Finnish // v weak 6170	322	05/11	DKs
11720	1011	SWR, Virrat, Finland. Live local band w/live audience, Finnish	242	05/11	APs
15555u	1628	WHRI, Milton FL, USA. Preacher in EE	243	03/11	DKs



Above: Local shop for local people...and DXers! 'London Stores' Badcall, near Kinlochbervie.

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